passed that copies of the entire proceedings may be given on application by the persons concerned, free of cost and without payment of stamps.

Reply of Government.—Copies of the entire proceedings cannot be given free of cost. There are orders on the subject which will enable the person affected to get all the information necessary for the appeal. And these standing orders are sufficient. If there has been any specific case, in which the grounds of the order were not sufficiently given, it may be brought to notice separately.

SUBJECT No. 92.

Claims of registered hakdars for shanbhogi and pateli offices.

Mr. B. Sitaramiah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When the shanbhogi and pateli offices fall vacant they are filled up by the nearest heirs of the last registered holders of such offices, entirely ignoring the claims of the registered hakdars. Pray that the latter may be given preference over the former when the said offices become vacant.

Reply of Government.—The rules of succession are regulated by law and each case must be determined on its own merits. No general order can be issued.

SUBJECT No. 93.

Rights of widows to hereditary offices.

Mr. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rights of widows to hereditary offices, which have been taken away recently by the Village Offices Regulation, may be recognized.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The law was passed after full publicity and discussion.

SUBJECT No. 94.

The remuneration of *totis* and *talaris*.

Employment of *kulwadis* in the malnad.

Appointments to *totis* and *talavars*.

(1) (*a*) Mr. Bhishto Virupaksha Nadigar, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) (*a*) The *totis* and *talaris* have to perform various kinds of duties. It is suggested that they may be remunerated in cash and their service inam lands fully assessed.

It is prayed that cash remuneration may be ordered to be granted to these village servants, as "Aya" is not regularly paid by the villagers at present and as in some villages these have been resigning their posts for want of means of livelihood.

(*b*) Messrs. Abidalli Sab, Koratagere sub-taluk; Adeppasetty, Surappa, Tumkur taluk; Agali Venkataramaiya, Sira taluk; Gundappa, Kunigal taluk; Huchvire Gowda, Gubbi taluk; Alampalli Adinarayana Chetty, Doddaballapur Municipality and Chennabasava Wadayar, Devanhalli taluk.

(*b*) The ryot has to pay six seers of grain per acre as remuneration to *totis* and *talavars* in villages which have these office-holders. This is a hardship which has often been brought to the notice of Government. The practice obtaining in the British Territory should be adopted here also.

Payment in kind as at present presses heavily, especially in bad seasons, as the quantity is fixed per acre and not according to the produce.

(*c*) Mr. Srinivasa Rao Kulakarni, Chitaldrug District Board.

(*c*) Cash remuneration in lieu of kind may be fixed for the services rendered by *totis* and *talaris* the charge being met from the levy of additional cess on this account.